thereby bringing bad name and losses to NCCF; and

(e) if so, what disciplinary action has been taken against the erring official?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The trading loss suffered by NCCF during 1981-82 was Rs. 164.06 Lacs.

(c) The NCCF are ascertaining the details at present.

(d) Yes, Sir. The rice which was procurred was under the overall supervision of the Regional Manager (N) though the actual work of supervision at destination was attended to by the concerned officers.

(e) Since the matter is *sub-judice.* Departmental enquiry for fixing responsibility will be conducted by NCCF after the case is finalised.

Loss to NCCF, Kanpur branch on purchase of Mustard oil from Jaipur

1894. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quan tity of "Tagore" Brand mustard oil was purchased from Jaipur @ Rs. 1800/- per quintal on 24th April, 1982 and 27th April 1982 by the then Branch Manager, NCCF, Kanpur, while the market prices were ranging between Rs. 980/- and 1000/ only;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the circumstances under which mustard oil was purchased at a higher rate by the then Branch Manag er concerned and whether any undue favour was shown to the seller for per sonal gains; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) The NCCF has reported that 4 wagons of mustard oil was purchased by its Kanpur branch @Rs. 1080/- per quintal loose on 25-4-1982 and 27-4-1982.

(b) and (c) NCCF had conducted a fact finding enquiry into the matter and on the basis of the findings have initiated action for imposition of major penalty on the then Branch Manager,.Kanpur which is under process.

Modernisation of BIS laboratories

1895. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVTL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has modernised its laboratories by installing the latest equipments;

(b) if so, the details of the equipments installed by BIS in its laboratories;

(c) the details of locations where BIS's laboratories are functioning presently;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up more laboratories in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the public will get quick results from the BIS Laboratories?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) Modernisation of the laboratories of BIS is an on-going project approved by the Planning Commission. Under the Plan project, modernisation and upgradation of the capability of the laboratories have been undertaken.